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Part 1] To VIKTOR^[i], 8th Department.

"PALM"^[ii] has reported the following:

1. The Apostolic Delegate of the Vatican in Australia, Archbishop PANICO; see Who is Who, in a conversation with me at a dinner given by a member of the Federal Parliament SPENDER (former independent, not long ago officially attached himself to the Liberal Party) openly in the presence of the guests said

[GIST: Here follows a report on the Archbishop's views on the coming struggle with the USSR and the oppression of the Church in Eastern Europe, and "PALM's" definition of PANICO as a source of anti-Soviet propaganda in Australia.]

[to groups unrecoverable]

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2. On the occasion of the departure and retirement of the Swedish Consul, the Polish Consul GRUSZKA recently gave a big reception at which besides Australians all Consuls were present.

[GIST: Here follows a report of GRUSZKA's speech on the WARSAW Government.]

[20 groups unrecovered]

the majority of those present approved of GRUSZKA's speech.

Part II

[101 groups unrecovered]

"a good opening" to CHURCHILL's last speech on Russia.

4. Concerning the question of the passivity of the French Delegation to the conference

[44 groups unrecoverable]

PALMER (the American Consul) says that they

[12 groups unrecovered]

Russia [would] [a] expand further her territory in the East

[10 groups unrecovered]

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PANICO, Rock Bishop

SPINNER

GRUSZKA, Polish Consul

PALMER American Consul